



Environmental Impact Statement



Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

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- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE BUSINESS CASE FOR CN TO INCREASE THE TRAFFIC, THERE ARE SEVERAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. THE EJE LINE CUTS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF BARRINGTON AND A 400% INCREASE IN TRAFFIC WILL CAUSE MANY ISSUES. THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE IS TRAFFIC TRAINS BISECTING THE TOWN, ESPECIALLY DURING RUSH HOURS WILL TURN A BAD TRAFFIC SITUATION UNBENEFICIAL. SCHOOL BUSES AND EMERGENCY (EMT) VEHICLES WILL BE STOPPED FOR 5-10 MINUTES AS 10,000 FT. TRAINS RUMBLE THROUGH INTERSECTIONS. IF THERE IS A STOPPAGE, THE SITUATION WILL BE MUCH WORSE. THE INCREASE IN NOISE WILL ALSO BE PROBLEMATIC UNLESS SPEEDS ARE SLOWED (WHICH CAUSES ITS OWN SET OF PROBLEMS).

POTENTIAL REMEDIES INCLUDE:

- REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PROPOSED TRAINS
- SCHEDULING THE TRAINS IN NON-PEAK HOURS
- LIMITING THE SIZE OF TRAINS
- DEVELOPING OVER & UNDER PASS CAPABILITIES AT KEY INTERSECTIONS.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.